

2016 Election Information Guide

Election and Filing Information
for Jurisdictions and Candidates

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The 2016 Election Information Guide is designed to provide election and filing information to jurisdictions and candidates. The guide is for informational purposes only and does not take the place of local, state or federal laws. Please contact Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 if you need additional information or have questions.

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Section 1

Key Dates and Deadlines

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April 26 Special Election

District Ballot Measures

Resolutions/measures due	February 26, 5pm	<div></div> Only applies to districts that request a voters' pamphlet
Explanatory statement due	February 26, 5pm	
Pro/Con committee appointments due	February 26, 5pm	
Pro/Con statements due	March 2, 5pm	
Pro/Con rebuttal statements due	March 4, 5pm	
Local Voters' Pamphlet mailed	April 7	

Voter Registration Deadlines

Last day to register by mail/online	March 28
Last day to update any registration	March 28
Last day to register in office	April 18

Voting/Ballot Mailing

Military ballots mailed	March 25
Ballot drop boxes open	March 25
Accessible voting begins in office	April 6
All other ballots mailed	April 7
Last day to mail or return voted ballot	April 26

Election Day

April 26

Certification of Election Results

County Certification	May 6
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May 24 Presidential Primary

Voter Registration Deadlines

Last day to register by mail/online	April 25
Last day to update any registration	April 25
Last day to register in office	May 16

Voting/Ballot Mailing

Military ballots mailed	April 8
Ballot drop boxes open	April 8
Accessible voting begins in office	May 4
All other ballots mailed	May 5
Last day to mail or return voted ballot	May 24

Election Day	May 24
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Certification of Election Results

County Certification	June 3
State Certification	June 10

August 2 Primary

Candidate/Campaign

Filing for office by mail	May 2 - May 20
Filing for office online or in person	May 16 - 20
Candidate withdrawal period	May 16 - 23
Lot drawing for all candidates	May 20, 5:01pm
Filing as a write-in candidate	May 23 - July 15
Voters' pamphlet statement/photo due	TBD
Voters' pamphlet mailed	July 13

District Ballot Measures

Resolutions/measures due	May 13, 5pm
Explanatory statement due	May 13, 5pm
Pro/Con committee appointments due	May 13, 5pm
Pro/Con statements due	May 24, 5pm
Pro/Con rebuttal statements due	May 27, 5pm

Voter Registration Deadlines

Last day to register by mail/online	July 4
Last day to update any registration	July 4
Last day to register in office	July 25

Voting/Ballot Mailing

Military ballots mailed	June 17
Ballot drop boxes open	June 17
Accessible voting begins in office	July 13
All other ballots mailed	July 14
Last day to mail or return voted ballot	August 2

Primary Day

August 2

Certification of Election Results

County Certification	August 16
State Certification	August 19

November 8 General Election

Candidate/Campaign

Filing as a write-in candidate	May 23 - October 21
Voters' pamphlet statement/photo due	TBD
Voters' pamphlet mailed	October 19

District Ballot Measures

Resolutions/measures due	August 2, 5pm
Explanatory statements due	August 2, 5pm
Pro/Con committee appointments due	August 2, 5pm
Pro/Con statements due	August 16, 5pm
Pro/Con rebuttal statements due	August 19, 5pm

Voter Registration Deadline

Last day to register by mail/online	October 10
Last day to update any registration	October 10
Last day to register in office	October 31

Voting/Ballot Mailing

Military ballots mailed	September 23
Ballot drop boxes open	September 23
Accessible voting begins in office	October 19
All other ballots mailed	October 20
Last day to mail or return voted ballot	November 8

General Election Day

November 8

Certification of Election Results

County Certification	November 29
State Certification	December 8

February 14, 2017 Special Election

District Ballot Measures

Resolutions/measures due	December 16, 5pm	Only applies to districts that request a voters' pamphlet
Explanatory statement due	December 16, 5pm	
Pro/Con committee appointments due	December 16, 5pm	
Pro/Con statements due	December 21, 5pm	
Pro/Con rebuttal statements due	December 23, 5pm	
Local Voters' Pamphlet mailed	January 26	

Voter Registration Deadlines

Last day to register by mail/online	January 16
Last day to update any registration	January 16
Last day to register in office	February 6

Voting/Ballot Mailing

Military ballots mailed	January 13
Ballot drop boxes open	January 13
Accessible voting begins in office	January 25
All other ballots mailed	January 26
Last day to mail or return voted ballot	February 14

Election Day

February 14

Certification of Election Results

County Certification	February 24
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2017 Election Calendar

(RCW 29A.04.311, 321)

<u>Ballot Measure Due</u>	<u>Election Date</u>	<u>Election Certified</u>
December 16, 2016	February 14, 2017	February 24, 2017
February 24, 2017	April 25, 2017	May 5, 2017
May 12, 2017	August 1, 2017	August 15, 2017
August 1, 2017	November 7, 2017	November 28, 2017

Section 2

Candidate Filing and Campaign Information

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Filing for Office

To run for political office, all candidates must submit a declaration of candidacy during the designated filing period.

The declaration of candidacy form captures:

- The office sought
- A candidate's name and address
- The candidate's name as it should appear on the ballot
- The candidate's party preference if the office sought is partisan
- Campaign contact information
- A filing fee
- An oath confirming the qualifications of the office have been met

Requirements

Qualifications

Each candidate is responsible for meeting the qualifications of the office. This typically includes being a registered voter in the district. For a complete list of qualifications for each office, please refer to the Offices up for Election in 2016 on pages 15 – 20.

Ballot name

A candidate's last name on the ballot must match the last name under which he/she is registered to vote. Candidates cannot use a nickname that denotes occupation, military rank, their positions on issues, or their political affiliations or intentionally misleads voters.

Party preference

Each candidate seeking a partisan office may state a political party preference. A candidate's preference does not imply endorsement by the party or that the party approves of or associates with the candidate. Each candidate will retain the party preference from the Primary to the General Election.

Filing fee

If the office has a salary, candidates are required to pay a filing fee equal to 1% of the salary. There is no filing fee for offices with no salary. See Offices up for Election in 2016 on pages 15 – 20 for filing fees for specific offices.

If you cannot afford the filing fee, please contact Snohomish County Elections for an explanation of the petition in lieu of filing fee process.

Where to File

Candidates for most offices can file their declaration of candidacy with Snohomish County:

- Online at www.snoco.org/elections
- By mail or in-person at:
Snohomish County Auditor's Office
3000 Rockefeller Ave, MS 505
1st floor, Administration Building West
Everett, WA 98201

All federal and state offices and legislative districts 1, 10, 32 and 39 file with the WA Secretary of State.

Filing by mail:	May 2 – May 20
Filing online or in person:	May 16 – 20

Any declaration received by mail before May 2 will be returned and the candidate will be permitted to resubmit his/her declaration during the filing period.

Withdrawing from a race

A candidate may withdraw from a race after filing through May 23. Any filing fee will not be refunded. After May 23, a candidate's name will be on the ballot regardless of a candidate's intention to campaign for office or take the oath of office if he/she win election.

Declared Write-in Candidates

To file as a declared write-in, a candidate must no later than 18 days before the primary or general election:

- File in person or by mail a declaration of candidacy
- Pay the office filing fee, if applicable
- Candidate name will not be printed on the ballot or in the voters' pamphlet

Election	Last day to file as a write-in
August 2 Primary	July 15
November 8 General Election	October 21

Questions?

Contact Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 or elections@snoco.org

Local Voters' Pamphlet for Candidates

Snohomish County publishes a local voters' pamphlet (LVP) featuring candidates and issues for primaries and general elections. Each candidate is encouraged to participate by submitting the following for the local voters' pamphlet:

- A biography
- A statement
- A photo

Requirements

- All candidate biographies, statements and photos must be submitted electronically
- The combined total word count for the biography **and** the statement may not exceed **the word limit for the appropriate office**
- Biography headings Elected Experience, Other Professional Experience, Education, and Community Service do not count towards the word limit
- Errors in spelling or grammar will not be corrected by Snohomish County Elections
- Statements may be rejected if the submitted statement contains obscene, vulgar, profane, scandalous, libelous, or defamatory language
- Candidate photographs must have been taken within the last 5 years and may not include any uniform, judicial robes, hats, sunglasses or brand insignias. Candidate must be clothed
- Contact information (phone, email, website) will be included for all candidates

Where and When to Submit Statements and Photos

Candidate statements and photos are submitted online. A link to the submission tool will be provided at the time of filing. Submissions must be received no later than the deadline below. Late submissions will not be accepted.

<u>Election</u>	<u>Last day to submit materials for LVP</u>
August 2 Primary	TBD
November 8 General	TBD

Questions?

Contact Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 or at candidates@snoco.org

Sample LVP Submission

Jessica Smith

(Prefers Clean Water Party)



Statement: As a practicing civil engineer and a lifelong drinker of water, I understand the benefits of a clean, safe, efficient water district delivery system. Under my oversight and leadership, the Crystal Clear Water District has improved how it delivers water to customers and the quality of water that is delivered. What I have learned during my time as water district commissioner is that efforts to protect, preserve and deliver quality water are not just the responsibility of the water district – it's a responsibility of government in general.

Let me be your voice in Olympia for clean, safe water.

Like me on Facebook and on your ballot.

Elected Experience: Crystal Clear Water District Commissioner (6 years); local PCO (4 years)

Other Professional Experience: Civil Engineer – Build-It Better Engineering, Seattle, WA (2001 – Present)

Education: B.S. Civil Engineering – University of Washington (2000)

Community Service: Rivers of America (2012-2013)

Contact: (425) 555-1234
Vote4me@hotmail.com

Public Disclosure Commission Requirements

The Washington State Public Disclosure Commissioner (PDC) is responsible for ensuring candidates and campaigns comply with campaign finance laws. The type of district and the amount of campaign monies collected determines the type and extent of a campaign's PDC reporting requirements.

Reporting Requirements

Most candidates must file PDC reports within **two weeks** of a formal declaration of candidacy or organization of a campaign committee. Refer to the table below for clarification on which reports are required.

Campaign Contribution Limits

Contributions to candidates and campaigns from individuals and groups are limited by state law and Washington Administrative Code 390-05-400. Please see the PDC website for information on contribution limits.

Where to Submit PDC Reports

Public Disclosure Commission

711 Capitol Way, Room 403

PO Box 40908

Olympia, WA 98504-0908

(877) 601-2828

pdc@pdc.wa.gov

www.pdc.wa.gov

	Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Form)	Campaign Disclosure Reports ("C" Forms)
U.S. Senator & Representative	Federal Reports only	Federal Reports only
State Senator or Representative	Yes	Yes
State Offices:		
Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Public Lands, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner	Yes	Yes
Justice or Judge:		
Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Superior Court	Yes	Yes
County Offices:		
County Council	Yes	Yes
Districts:		
Public Utility District	Yes	Yes
Precinct Committee Officers:		
All precincts, both Dem and Rep	No	No
Political Committees:		
Proponents and opponents of a ballot measure in a jurisdiction having 1,000 or more registered voters*	No	Yes

* Number of registered voters as of the preceding General Election

County Reporting Requirements

In addition to Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) reporting requirements, campaigns for county offices are subject to additional reporting requirements.

Any candidate for a county office (county council) shall file copies of any state PDC forms C1 through C7 with Snohomish County Recording, a division of the Auditor's Office. Reports are due at Snohomish County Recording on the same day that they are due at the Public Disclosure Commissioner.

Public Disclosure Commission documents filed with the county are filed under the candidate's name and can be reviewed in the Public Records area of the:

Snohomish County Customer Service Center
1st floor, Robert J. Drewel Building
3000 Rockefeller Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

or online by visiting www.snoco.org and entering "recording" in the top right search box.

For more information:

Snohomish County Recording
3000 Rockefeller Avenue M/S 204
Everett, WA 98201
(425) 388-3483

Offices Up for Election in 2016

The following pages contain a list of offices up for election, the current office holders, the qualifications required to run for office, the filing fee and where filing takes place.

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Offices Up for Election in 2016

United States President and Vice-President

A candidate must be:

- At least 35 years of age
- A natural born citizen of the United States
- A resident within the United States for fourteen years
- Declare a political party affiliation

There is a two term limit of no more than one term if he/she has acted as President for more than two years of someone else's term. (ART II, Sec. 1, US Constitution)

United States President and Vice-President assume office January 20, 2017

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
United States President	Barack Obama	D	4 year	no fee	Secretary of State
United States Vice-President	Joe Biden	D	4 year	no fee	Secretary of State

United States Senator

A candidate must be:

- At least 30 years old
- A citizen of the United States for nine years
- A resident of the state which he/she represents
- Declare a political party affiliation

United States Senator assumes office January 3, 2017

Office up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
United States Senator	Patty Murray	D	6 year	\$1,740.00	Secretary of State

Offices Up for Election in 2016

United States Congressional Representative

A candidate must be:

- At least 25 years old
- A citizen of the United States for seven years
- A resident of the state which he/she represents
- Declare a political party preference

United States Congressional Representatives assume office January 3, 2017

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
U.S Representative Congressional District 1	Suzan DelBene	D	2 year	\$1,740.00	Secretary of State
U.S. Representative Congressional District 2	Rick Larsen	D	2 year	\$1,740.00	Secretary of State
U.S. Representative Congressional District 7	Jim McDermott	D	2 year	\$1,740.00	Secretary of State

State Govenor, Lt. Govenor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Public Lands, Insurance Commissioner

A candidate must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A registered voter in the state
- Declare a political party preference at the time of filing

State Govenor, Lt. Govenor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Public Lands and Insurance Commissioner assume office January 11, 2017

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Govenor	Jay Inslee	D	4 year	\$1,718.98	Secretary of State
Lt. Govenor	Brad Owen	D	4 year	\$1,008.80	Secretary of State
Secretary of State	Kim Wyman	R	4 year	\$1,204.59	Secretary of State
State Treasurer	Jim McIntire	D	4 year	\$1,337.50	Secretary of State
State Auditor	Troy Kelley	D	4 year	\$1,204.59	Secretary of State
Attorney General	Bob Ferguson	D	4 year	\$1,562.70	Secretary of State
Commissioner of Public Land	Peter J. Goldmark	D	4 year	\$1,302.53	Secretary of State
Insurance Commissioner	Mike Kreidler	D	4 year	\$1,216.28	Secretary of State

Offices Up for Election in 2016

Superintendent of Public Instruction

A candidate must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A registered voter in the state

Superintendent of Public Instruction is a nonpartisan office and candidates do not state a political party preference

Superintendent of Public Instruction assumes office January 1, 2017

Office up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Superintendent of Public Instruction	Randy I. Dorn	NP	4 year	\$1,328.83	Secretary of State

State Legislative Senator and Representative

A candidate must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A registered voter in the district which he/she represents
- Declare a political party preference at the time of filing

State Legislative Senators and Representatives assume office January 9, 2017.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Legislative District 1					
Senator	Rosemary McAuliffe	D	4 year	\$454.74	Secretary of State
Representative 1	Derek Stanford	D	2 year	\$454.74	Secretary of State
Representative 2	Luis Moscoso	D	2 year	\$454.74	Secretary of State
Legislative District 10					
Senator	Barbara Bailey	R	4 year	\$454.74	Secretary of State
Representative 1	Norma Smith	R	2 year	\$454.74	Secretary of State
Representative 2	Dave Hayes	R	2 year	\$454.74	Secretary of State
Legislative District 21					
Representative 1	Strom Peterson	D	2 year	\$454.74	Snohomish County
Representative 2	Lillian Ortiz-Self	D	2 year	\$454.74	Snohomish County
Legislative District 32					
Representative 1	Cindy Ryu	D	2 year	\$454.74	Secretary of State
Representative 2	Ruth Kagi	D	2 year	\$454.74	Secretary of State
Legislative District 38					
Representative 1	June Robinson	D	2 year	\$454.74	Snohomish County
Representative 2	Mike Sells	D	2 year	\$454.74	Snohomish County

Offices Up for Election in 2016

State Legislative Senator and Representative (continued)

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Legislative District 39					
Senator	Kirk Pearson	R	4 year	\$454.74	Secretary of State
Representative 1	Dan Kristiansen	R	2 year	\$454.74	Secretary of State
Representative 2	Elizabeth Scott	R	2 year	\$454.74	Secretary of State
Legislative District 44					
Representative 1	Hans Dunshee	D	2 year	\$454.74	Snohomish County
Representative 2	Mark Harmsworth	D	2 year	\$454.74	Snohomish County

County Council

A candidate must be:

- Over 21 years old at the time of the election
- A county resident for 3 years immediately prior to filing
- A registered voter in the council district in which the candidate files
- Not seeking to be elected to a fourth consecutive full term

County council is a partisan office and candidates will be asked to state a political party preference at the time of filing. Political party preference will appear on the ballot and in other election material.

This county council member will assume office November 30, 2016

Office up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
County Council - District 5	Vacant	D	1 year unexpired	\$1,146.68	Snohomish County

Offices Up for Election in 2016

State Supreme Court

A candidate must be:

- A registered voter in Washington State
- Admitted to practice in the courts of record of Washington State or the territory of Washington

State Supreme Court is a nonpartisan office and candidates do not state a political party preference.

State Supreme Court judges assume office January 9, 2017.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Justice Position 1	Mary Yu	NP	6 year	\$1,794.32	Secretary of State
Justice Position 5	Barbara Madsen	NP	6 year	\$1,794.32	Secretary of State
Justice Position 6	Charlie Wiggins	NP	6 year	\$1,794.32	Secretary of State

Court of Appeals, Division 1, District 2

A candidate must be:

- A registered voter in Washington State
- Admitted to practice in the courts of record of Washington State not less than five years prior to taking office
- A resident for not less than one year at the time of election in Snohomish County

Court of Appeals is a nonpartisan office and candidates do not state a political party preference.

Court of Appeals judges assume office January 9, 2017.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Justice Position 1	Steve Dwyer	NP	6 year	\$1,708.08	Snohomish County

Offices Up for Election in 2016

Snohomish Superior Court

A candidate must be:

- A registered voter in Snohomish County
- Admitted to practice in the courts of record of Washington State or the territory of Washington

Snohomish Superior Court is a nonpartisan office and candidates do not state a political party preference

Snohomish Superior Court judges assume office January 9, 2017

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Judge Position 1	Marybeth Dingle	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County
Judge Position 2	Joe Wilson	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County
Judge Position 3	Thomas J. Wynne	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County
Judge Position 4	Linda C. Krese	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County
Judge Position 5	Richard T. Okrent	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County
Judge Position 6	George F. Appel	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County
Judge Position 7	George Bowden	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County
Judge Position 8	Eric Z. Lucas	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County
Judge Position 9	Dave Kurtz	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County
Judge Position 10	Janice E. Ellis	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County
Judge Position 11	Millie Judge	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County
Judge Position 12	Anita L. Farris	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County
Judge Position 13	Michael T. Downes	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County
Judge Position 14	Ellen J. Fair	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County
Judge Position 15	Bruce I. Weiss	NP	4 year	\$1,626.18	Snohomish County

Offices Up for Election in 2016

Public Utility District 1

A candidate must be:

- A registered voter in Public Utility District 1 Commissioner District 3

Public Utility District 1 commissioner is a nonpartisan office and candidates do not state a political party preference. If a Primary is triggered, only voters within the Commissioner District are allowed to vote for a candidate. In the General Election all voters within the entire district vote.

Public Utility District 1 commissioners assume office January 1, 2017

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Commissioner District 3	Tanya (Toni) Olson	NP	6 year	\$274.20	Snohomish County

Precinct Committee Officer (PCO)

A candidate must be:

- A member of a major political party
- A registered voter in the precinct for which they are filing

Precinct Committee Officers are partisan offices and candidates must state a political party preference. This office appears in the Primary only. A race will only appear if two or more candidates from the same party file in a precinct. Each precinct is eligible to elect a Democratic and a Republican PCO, however voters may vote for one candidate only.

Precinct Committee Officers assume office December 1, 2016

Offices up for election:

Office	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Precinct Committee Officer	Democrat/Republican	2 year	no fee	Snohomish County

Campaign Resources and Information

Major Political Party Information

Snohomish County political parties may be helpful in candidate campaigns. They can be reached at:

Democratic Party Headquarters

Party Chair - Richard Wright
www.snocodems.org - (425) 252-2305

Republican Party Headquarters

Party Chair - Billye Brooks-Sebastiani
www.snocogop.com - (360) 653-1100

Snohomish County Voter Data

State law requires that voter data be available to candidates, campaigns and political parties to be used for political purposes. Voter data can be purchased from Snohomish County Elections to assist in campaign efforts.

Voter data that is available for purchase includes the voter's name, home and mailing address, precinct, registration date, elections voted, whether the voter's current election ballot has been returned and on what date, and if the voter signature on the return envelope has been questioned during the review process of the current election.

Common Data Requests

- Data file of all registered voters in the county or in a specific district or precinct
- Data file of all voters who voted in one or more election(s) in the county or in a specific district or precinct
- List of voters in a district or precinct (the list will be in pdf format sorted by address. For walking purposes only)
- Data file of voters for an election with ballot return dates of their ballots and voters whose signatures on the return envelopes have been questioned

Cost:

- \$11.50 base fee per report produced
- \$1.00 CD fee (if applicable)
- \$2.00 mailing fee (if applicable)

Please visit www.snoco.org/elections to download a data request form or contact Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 for more information.

Political Sign Regulations

State Regulations

The Department of Transportation and the Attorney General have provided the following rules to all candidates regarding placement of signs and placards along state highways.

The Scenic Vistas Act (RCW 47.42) restricts signs on interstate highways, all primary highways, and the entire Scenic and Recreational Highway System. Signs erected on private property adjacent to these highways must comply with the Scenic Vistas Act, and local zoning restrictions.

In accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-66-050, political signs are considered a Type 3(b) on-premise sign for which no fee or application is necessary. Temporary political signs are signs which endorse a political candidate or ballot issue. Temporary political campaign signs:

- Are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet in area
- Must be removed within ten days after the election
- Are subject to all other applicable provisions of Chapter 47.42 RCW and Chapter 468-66 WAC that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs

In addition to the above restrictions, the posting of advertising signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is illegal. Accordingly, any sign placed within the right-of-way of any state highway may be removed by the Department of Transportation.

Campaign Resources and Information (continued)

Political Sign Regulations (continued)

County Regulations

All political signs are subject to the zoning laws outlined in Snohomish County Code 30.27.070.

For information regarding county sign regulations please contact:

Snohomish County Public Works
Permitting Section
(425) 388-6453

or

Snohomish County Planning Department
Zoning Division
(425) 388-3311

City Regulations

For information regarding city sign placement regulations, please contact the public works department of the particular city.

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Ballot Measure Information

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Submitting a Ballot Measure

For a ballot measure to appear before voters in a primary or election, a local jurisdiction must submit a resolution to the Auditor’s Office calling for an election.

Requirements

Resolutions

Resolutions passed by the local jurisdiction’s governing body must include:

- the date of the election at which the measure should appear on the ballot
- the authority under which the measure is placed on the ballot
- a potential ballot title to appear on the ballot
- authorization signature(s) of the governing body

Ballot Titles

A ballot title is the language that will be presented to voters on the ballot. The ballot title should:

- adhere to all legal requirements based on the type of measure (levy, bond, capital projects, etc.)
- appear in the format illustrated below
- have voting responses no longer than 17 characters in length (responses such as yes/no or approved/rejected are strongly encourage)

Where and When to File

File a resolution with the Auditor’s Office:

- in-person - 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Administration Building West, 1st Floor
- by email - elections@snoco.org
- by fax - (425) 259-2777

Due Dates

Election

April 26 Special
August 2 Primary
November 8 General

Resolution Due

February 26
May 13
August 2

Questions

For more information regarding the submission of ballot measures, contact the Elections Division at (425) 388-3444.

Example

Name of Jurisdiction:	Kidsrule School District No. 45
Proposition #:	Proposition No. 1
Short Title:	General Obligation Bonds - \$1,000,000
Ballot Title:	The Board of Directors of Kidsrule School District No. 45 approved proposition No. 111-01 for bonds. This proposition would authorize the District to replace and equip Hillydilly Elementary, modernize technology systems and equipment and do pre-planning site and facility analysis by issuing \$1,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years. Should this proposition be approved?
Response:	Yes No

Local Voters' Pamphlet for Ballot Measures

Snohomish County Elections publishes a local voters' pamphlet (LVP) featuring candidates and issues for primaries and general elections. Local voters' pamphlets are printed at the request of local jurisdictions for the February or April elections.

Any jurisdiction with a measure on the Primary or General Election ballot must participate in the local voters' pamphlet unless a waiver is granted by the County Council.

Requirements

Jurisdictions must submit:

- an explanatory statement
- pro and con committee appointments

Explanatory Statement

A ballot measure's explanatory statement must:

- address the anticipated effect of a measure if passed into law
- not exceed 200 words
- be submitted with a letter confirming it was written or approved by the jurisdiction's attorney

Pro/Con Committee Appointments

The jurisdiction's legislative authority has the responsibility of appointing up to three members for both:

- a pro committee that will write a statement for the measure and a rebuttal to the con committee's statement
- a con committee that will write the statement against the measure and a rebuttal to the pro committee's statement

A committee appointment form can be found online at www.snoco.org/elections. Each committee is allowed

up to three members, but can seek the advice of any number of individuals.

Snohomish County Elections will communicate and work directly with pro/con committee members once they are appointed.

Where and When to File

File pro/con appointments and explanatory statements with Snohomish County Elections:

- in-person - 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Administration Building West, 1st Floor
- by email - elections@snoco.org
- by fax - (425) 259-2777

Explanatory statement and appointments are due no later than the deadline for resolutions for an election. See the table below for deadlines for the primary/general.

Questions?

For more information regarding local voters' pamphlet due dates and procedures, please contact the Elections Division at (425) 388-3444.

Local Voters' Pamphlet Deadlines

Primary

Election Date	August 2
Resolution due	May 13, 5pm
Explanatory due	May 13, 5pm
Pro/Con Appoints due	May 13, 5pm
Pro/Con Statements due	May 24, 5pm
Pro/Con Rebuttals due	May 27, 5pm

General

Election Date	November 8
Resolution due	August 2, 5pm
Explanatory due	August 2, 5pm
Pro/Con Appoints due	August 2, 5pm
Pro/Con Statements due	August 16, 5pm
Pro/Con Rebuttals due	August 19, 5pm

Election Costs

Jurisdictions are responsible for sharing in the cost of elections in which they have a race or issue on the ballot.

The cost sharing model includes a minimum \$50 fee as well as a portion of all costs associated with the election. If there is only one jurisdiction on the ballot, that jurisdiction will be responsible for the entire cost of the election.

Calculation

The election cost for jurisdictions is calculated by Snohomish County Elections when expenses associated with an election have been determined.

Election expenses include staff costs; ballot printing and mailing costs (i.e. envelopes, postage, and ballots); legal advertising costs; other consumable supply costs; and elections overhead.

The individual jurisdiction's cost of an election is based on:

- total number of jurisdictions with a race or issue on the ballot, and
- total number of registered voters in each of those jurisdictions.

Please see the election cost calculation example below:

In most cases, one can assume that the greater the number of jurisdictions that appear in an election, the more the expenses are divided, and the lower the election cost will be for a jurisdiction.

Payment

Jurisdictions with a Snohomish County Treasurer account will have their portion of election costs drawn automatically from this account approximately 30 days following election certification. A statement with the amount taken will be sent to each jurisdiction.

Jurisdictions without a Snohomish County Treasurer account will be sent an invoice with a request for prompt payment.

Questions?

For additional information about election costs or the process for calculating individual jurisdiction's costs, contact Snohomish County Elections Manager, Garth Fell at 425-388-3625.

Calculation Example

The following is an example of how costs would be apportioned for an election with 3 jurisdictions placing issues before voters in a Special Election that costs \$200,000 to administer:

Jurisdictions	Registered Voters	Portion	Jurisdiction's Portion of Costs
A	1,000	.01	\$2,000
B	24,000	.024	\$48,000
C	75,000	.075	\$150,000
Totals	100,000	1.00	\$200,000

Validation Figures for Ballot Measures

In addition to either a simple majority (50%+1) or a super majority (60%+1) vote requirement, some ballot measures require a minimum turnout based on the turnout in the previous year's General Election. This table shows:

- number of registered voters in each jurisdiction at of the end of 2015
- number of votes cast in the 2015 General Election
- 40% of the number of votes cast in the 2015 General Election (the most common minimum turnout requirement)

District	Registered Voters in District	Votes Cast in 2015 General Election	40% of votes cast
Snohomish County	425,391	146,973	58,790
Public Utility District No. 1 (Island Co included)	437,025	152,430	60,973
City/Town			
City of Arlington	9,966	3,418	1,368
City of Bothell* (King Co included)	25,288	9,750	3,900
City of Brier	4,746	2,116	847
Town of Darrington	701	338	136
City of Edmonds	28,432	13,035	5,214
City of Everett	50,194	15,963	6,386
City of Gold Bar	1,109	360	144
City of Granite Falls	1,847	504	202
Town of Index	120	81	33
City of Lake Stevens	16,887	5,216	2,087
City of Lynnwood	18,180	6,331	2,533
City of Marysville	34,576	10,660	4,264
City of Mill Creek	11,756	4,547	1,819
City of Monroe	7,708	2,470	988
City of Mountlake Terrace	11,752	3,738	1,496
City of Mukilteo	13,308	5,498	2,200
City of Snohomish	5,671	2,176	871
City of Stanwood	3,772	1,342	537
City of Sultan	2,441	903	362
Town of Woodway	966	439	176
School District			
Arlington School District 16	19,048	7,247	2,899
Darrington School District 330 (Skagit Co included)	1,657	815	326
Edmonds School District 15	94,552	34,639	13,856
Everett School District 2	73,958	24,972	9,989
Granite Falls School District 332	8,327	2,561	1,025
Index School District 63	316	149	60
Lake Stevens School District 4	24,991	7,785	3,114
Lakewood School District 306	8,634	3,044	1,218
Marysville School District 25	40,604	12,920	5,168

Validation Figures for Ballot Measures

District	Registered Voters in District	Votes Cast in 2015 General Election	40% of votes cast
School District (cont.)			
Monroe School District 103	21,653	7,587	3,035
Mukilteo School District 6	47,774	15,279	6,112
Northshore School District 417 (King Co included)	80,604	29,623	11,487
Snohomish School District 201	35,101	12,634	5,054
Stanwood-Camano School District 401 (Island Co included)	23,253	9,968	3,988
Sultan School District 311	7,669	2,667	1,067
Fire District			
Fire District 1	73,901	22,598	9,040
Fire District 3	15,754	5,438	2,176
Fire District 4	18,137	6,968	2,788
Fire District 5	4,758	1,759	704
Fire District 7	33,813	10,880	4,352
Fire District 10	5,656	1,891	757
Fire District 12	9,162	3,300	1,320
Fire District 14	6,882	2,788	1,116
Fire District 15	2,941	978	392
Fire District 16	1,772	604	242
Fire District 17	7,327	2,215	886
Fire District 18	3,700	1,618	648
Fire District 19	2,274	867	347
Fire District 21	5,592	2,150	860
Fire District 22	3,255	1,185	474
Fire District 23	216	93	38
Fire District 24 (Skagit Co included)	1,628	799	320
Fire District 25	591	233	94
Fire District 26	2,549	781	313
Fire District 27	53	32	13
Fire District 28	317	149	60
Lake Stevens Fire	26,428	8,426	3,371
Bothell EMS District	10,272	3,936	1,575
North County Regional Fire Authority	10,582	4,406	1,763
Water/Wastewater/Sewer District			
Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	136,884	46,078	18,432
Cross Valley Water District	15,245	5,530	2,212
Highland Water District	3,420	1,285	514
Lake Stevens Sewer District	1	1	1
Lake Armstrong Creek Water Sewer District	11,774	4,732	1,893
Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District	11,495	6,297	2,519

Validation Figures for Ballot Measures

District	Registered Voters in District	Votes Cast in 2015 General Election	40% of votes cast
Water/Wastewater/Sewer District (cont.)			
Olympic View Water District	9,667	4,008	1,604
Ronald Wastewater District (King Co included)	35,535	14,061	5,625
Silver Lake Water and Sewer District	30,328	10,018	4,008
Startup Water District	303	115	46
Hospital District			
Hospital District 1	65,810	23,471	9,389
Hospital District 2	102,533	37,703	15,082
Hospital District 3	19,877	7,759	3,104
Port District			
Port of Edmonds	14,287	7,337	2,935
Port of Everett	53,001	18,529	7,412
Library District			
King County Rural Library District (King Co included)	25,288	9,751	3,901
Sno-Isle Library District (Island Co included)	371,701	130,681	52,273
Arlington Library Capital Facility Area	18,776	7,046	2,819
Granite Falls Library Capital Facility Area	8,327	2,561	1,025
Monroe Library Capital Facility Area	15,179	5,218	2,088
Snohomish Library Capital Facility Area	35,280	12,693	5,078
Stanwood-Camano Island Library Capital Facility Area	11,619	4,481	1,793
Park & Recreation District			
East County Park and Recreation District	21,498	7,536	3,015
Lake Stevens Park and Recreation District	24,991	7,780	3,112
Northshore Park and Recreation District (King Co included)	80,227	29,512	11,805
Transportation District			
Arlington Transportation Benefit District	9,966	3,418	1,368
Edmonds Transportation Benefit District	28,432	13,032	5,213
Lynnwood Transportation Benefit District	18,180	6,330	2,532
Marysville Transportation Benefit District	34,576	10,660	4,264
Monroe Transportation Benefit District	7,708	2,470	988
Snohomish Transportation Benefit District	5,671	2,177	871
Stanwood Transportation Benefit District	3,772	1,342	537
Transportation Benefit Area	314,562	109,426	43,771
Regional Transit Authority	243,550	84,425	33,770

Section 4

Voting Information

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Voter Registration

Who can register to vote?

You may register to vote if you are:

- A U.S. citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- A resident of Washington State for at least 30 days

In Washington, a voter does not register by political party or declare political party membership in any election.

When can I register to vote?

You may register online or by mail up to 29 days before the election or in-person at the Auditor's Office up to 8 days before the election. Once you are registered, you do not need to register again unless you change your address or name.

Where can I register to vote?

You may register online at www.vote.wa.gov. Mail-in registration forms are available at libraries, post offices, and at the Auditor's Office. You may also register when you renew your driver's license.

What if I change my name, signature or address?

If you change your name or move within Snohomish County, you must update your voter registration. Changes made 29 days or more before an election will take effect immediately. Changes made closer to Election Day will take effect after the election.

Name and signature changes may be made by completing a voter registration form and sending the updated information to Snohomish County Elections. Address changes may be made by calling Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 or by sending an email to elections@snoco.org.

Can a voter's registration be canceled simply for failure to vote?

No. Failure to vote alone will not result in the cancellation of a voter's registration.

How are voters' registrations canceled?

Voters' registrations are canceled when a voter reregisters in another state or county; when Snohomish County Elections receives notice that a voter has died or has been imprisoned for a felony conviction; or when a voter contacts Snohomish County Elections requesting their registration be canceled.

Voters' registrations are also canceled by a periodic removal of voters that have been on inactive status for two successive federal elections. A voter is designated inactive if any mail from Snohomish County Elections is returned as undeliverable from the US Post Office. The voter is then sent a forwardable address verification postcard. The voter is reactivated if he/she votes or notifies Snohomish County Elections of a current address.

Election Information

All Mail Ballot Elections

Snohomish County is an all mail ballot environment. Ballots are mailed to all eligible registered voters 19 days (30/45 days for military and overseas voters) before each election. Ballots can be returned through the mail or at a 24-hour drop box. There are multiple 24-hour drop box locations throughout the county. These locations are sent with the ballot and posted on the Elections website.

A voter may request a replacement ballot through Election Day by contacting Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 or visiting the office. Office hours are 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday and 8am to 8pm on Election Day.

The Top 2 Primary

The State of Washington has a Top 2 Primary system. Voters can choose to vote for any candidate regardless of their party preference. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the Primary, will advance to the General Election.

A Primary is required if:

- more than two candidates file for the same position; or
- if the office is a partisan office
- if the office is decided in a Primary by law.

Candidates need at least 1% of the votes cast in a race to advance to the General Election.

Order of Races and Names on the Ballot

The order of races on a ballot is established by state law and local rule.

The order of candidate names within a race is determined by:

- lot draw for the Primary
- votes received in the Primary for the General Election

If there is no Primary, order of appearance on the General Election ballot is determined by lot draw.

Election Observers

The public, candidates and representatives of political parties may observe ballot signature verification and ballot processing at any time during the election period. All observers must sign in at either Snohomish County Elections, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Administration Building West, Everett or at the Ballot Processing Center, 1818 Pacific Avenue, Everett. On Election Day, visitors may observe the tabulation of ballots at the Ballot Processing Center.

Logic and Accuracy Testing

The logic and accuracy test is a public test of the election tabulation system. The test is witnessed by party representatives and for primaries or elections with state or federal races, a representative of the Office of the Secretary of State. Testing is conducted by Snohomish County Elections using the same software and hardware that will be used to tabulate ballots on Election Day.

Election Results

Local election results are available beginning at approximately 8:00pm on election night at the Snohomish County Elections website (www.snoco.org/elections), the Ballot Processing Center (1818 Pacific Ave, Everett), or by calling (425) 388-3444. Statewide results can be found on the Washington Secretary of State's Office website (www.vote.wa.gov).

Election night results generally represent ballots that have been received by Snohomish County Elections through the Monday before Election Day. Snohomish County Elections staff will continue to verify, open and tabulate mail and provisional ballots until the election is certified 10, 14 or 21 days after the election.

Interim ballot tabulations are determined by voter turnout. Dates and times of interim releases of election results are posted on the Elections website.

Election Information (continued)

Canvassing Board Review of Ballots

The Snohomish County Canvassing Board is comprised of the County Auditor, Chair of the County Council, and the County Prosecuting Attorney or their designated representatives.

Ballots that require review by the Canvassing Board are brought before the Board usually one day before the official certification of the election. Notice of all Canvassing Board meetings are published in the Everett Herald newspaper and on Snohomish County Elections webpage. Canvassing Board meetings are open to the public, candidates and representatives of political parties.

Certification of Election Results

All elections must be certified by the Snohomish County Canvassing Board. The process of certification includes a review of the final election tabulation report and the signing of certification documents by each board member. The election certification process is open to the public, candidates and representatives of political parties.

Recounts

Automatic recounts apply to candidates and statewide measures. An automatic machine recount will occur if less than 1/2 of 1% and less than 2,000 votes cast separate candidates or issue responses in a race.

An automatic hand recount will occur if less than 1/4 of 1% and less than 150 votes (or 1,000 votes for statewide races) separate candidates or issue responses in a race.

A recount is applicable only to candidates nominated or elected and the closest defeated opponent based on certified election results. In a primary a recount could occur between the second and third place candidates. An automatic recount will only tally votes for the position in question and will be conducted without charge to any candidate.

A candidate or an officer of a political party may request and pay for a recount if the race is not close enough for an automatic recount or has been recounted once already. All requested recounts must be submitted no later than three business days after the official canvass is complete. A deposit of \$.15 per ballot for a machine count and \$.25 per ballot for a hand count by certified check or cash is required. Final cost of the recount will be calculated after the recount is complete. The recount will be conducted in a time-frame determined by the Canvassing Board.

Effective Date of State Measures

State ballot measures receiving a favorable majority vote are declared law by the Governor 30 days after the General Election, unless an effective date is contained within the text of the measure.

For more information:

Visit the following sites for more information on the elections process.

- **Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Title 29A**
apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw
- **Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Title 434**
apps.leg.wa.gov/wac
- **Snohomish County Charter Article 4 - Elections**
www.codepublishing.com/wa/snohomishcounty
- **United States Elections Assistance Commission**
www.eac.gov
- **Washington State Secretary of State's Office/ Elections Division**
www.vote.wa.gov
- **Snohomish County Elections**
www.snoco.org/elections
- **Washington State Public Disclosure Commission**
www.pdc.wa.gov

Voting History of Snohomish County

Primaries

Year	Number of Registered Voters	Precincts	Total Ballots Cast	Turnout %
2000	328,979	722	125,201	38.06%
2001	322,521	722	101,946	31.61%
2002	314,787	703	109,305	34.72%
2003	324,135	704	97,688	30.14%
2004	330,558	698	149,964	45.37%
2005	325,700	716	89,386	27.44%
2006	337,261	711	130,171	38.60%
2007	339,754	712	95,300	28.05%
2008	351,080	714	148,724	42.36%
2009	366,947	686	90,081	24.55%
2010	375,946	750	145,160	38.61%
2011	388,557	751	100,327	25.82%
2012	400,448	756	142,336	35.54%
2013	333,359	759	73,006	21.90%
2014	417,448	760	106,819	25.59%
2015	420,529	760	96,343	22.91%

General Elections

Year	Number of Registered Voters	Precincts	Total Ballots Cast	Turnout %
2000	338,163	722	253,423	74.94%
2001	323,927	722	151,575	46.79%
2002	318,170	708	181,075	56.91%
2003	325,063	704	130,835	40.25%
2004	352,238	698	296,968	84.31%
2005	354,116	716	175,937	49.68%
2006	334,369	711	208,243	62.28%
2007	333,618	712	170,760	51.18%
2008	372,636	714	324,179	87.00%
2009	371,915	742	180,794	48.61%
2010	377,739	750	270,662	71.65%
2011	384,165	751	200,128	52.09%
2012	415,504	756	334,664	80.54%
2013	417,775	759	173,494	41.53%
2014	416,389	760	213,647	51.31%
2015	425,391	760	146,973	34.76%



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